

FY 2000 Export Forecasts for Cotton & Linters

Revised Forecast for 2000: Down \$200 Million to \$1.5 Billion

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Key Upside Developments

- Step 2 refunded effective Oct. 1.
- China commits to 743,000-ton import quota with 1% Tariff.
- U.S. export forecast up 1.4 million bales from last year.

Key Downside Developments

- China remains net cotton exporter.
- World price below 50 cents/lb.
- World production up 3%

Wild Cards

- Implementation and impact of china cotton policies
- Production response to low prices from key competitors

U.S. Cotton Exports (\$Bil)

